

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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MOTION TO DECLARE “NATIONAL EMPLOY OLDER WORKERS WEEK”

America is witnessing a dramatic growth in the number of citizens 55 or older, a trend that will continue through the 21st century. As the population ages, older Americans will play an increasingly important role in our economy and America’s leadership in the world marketplace. National Employ Older Workers Week recognizes the vital role of older workers in the workplace.

Older workers are a dedicated and experienced core of our workforce. Their contributions to the nation as paid workers and volunteers in both the private and public sectors are immeasurable. The Committee on Economic Development indicates that employers rate older workers high on characteristics such as judgment, commitment to quality, attendance, and punctuality. National Employee Older Workers Week aims to increase awareness of this labor segment and develop innovative strategies to tap it.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE that the Board of Supervisors declare September 18-24, 2011 as National Employ Older Workers Week in Los Angeles County and encourage employers throughout Los Angeles County to actively recruit and hire older workers from this valuable pool of candidates.

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